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OT-5042**REMARKS**

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the remarks and analysis contained in the Office Action. Claims 10, 23 and 20 are amended. Claims 14 and 34 are cancelled. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application.

Dependent Claim 23 is Allowable

Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's objection to claim 23 has been fully obviated by way of the requested amendment made herein to claim 23. A withdrawal of the objection is, therefore, both warranted and earnestly solicited.

Independent Claim 10 is allowable

Claim 10 includes at least one other member operative to resist movement of the base in a direction parallel to the roller axes. The at least one other member remains in a fixed position relative to the base along that direction. In the *Spiro* reference (applied under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) in the most recent Office Action), a hub portion 34 is slidably mounted upon the hollow extension 15. The hub portion 34 and the associated rollers 39 and 40 are resiliently and movably kept in contact with the end surface of the guide rail by the action of a helical spring 45. (See, e.g., Fig. 1; page 2, column 2, lines 9-12 and 29-33 of the *Spiro* reference). As such, the hub portion 34, the associated arms and rollers do not remain fixed relative to the base along a direction parallel to the roller axes as recited in Applicant's claim 10. Therefore, there is no anticipation.

Further, claim 10 cannot be considered obvious over the *Spiro* reference because fixing the hub 34 to attempt to render it consistent with the at least one other member of Applicant's claim 10 would change the principle of operation of the *Spiro* reference and interfere with the ability of the hub member 34 to function as intended (i.e., to be resiliently moveable). Such a

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modification of the *Spiro* reference cannot be made and, therefore, it is impossible to establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness against Applicant's claim 10 based upon the *Spiro* reference.

Independent Claim 20 is allowable

The Examiner already indicated that the subject matter of claim 34 is allowable. Claim 20 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 34. Accordingly, claim 20 and all claims depending from it are allowable.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that this case is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would be useful for moving this case forward to being issued, Applicant's representative will be happy to discuss any issues regarding this application and can be contacted at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

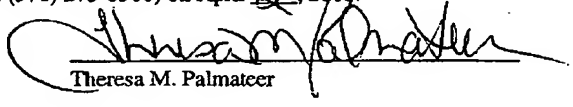
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